# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

This form and the descriptive information in the application package constitute the contents of Initial Study pursuant to County Guidelines under Ordinance 3040 and Section 15063 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**Project Label:** 

APN: 1013-501-10\*

**Applicant**: Centerstone Communities/Harry Keto

**Proposal:** A. General Plan Amendment to change the Land

Use District from Single Residential, 1acre minimum (RS-1) to Single Residential, 20,000 SF minimum (RS-20m) and

B. Tent Tract 16396 to create 26 Lots on 15 Ac. with a wall height variance to maximum 9 feet.

**Community:** Chino/4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District

**Location:** Northwest corner of Humbolt Ave. and Phila-

delphia Ave., Roswell opposite Compton Ave.

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USGS QUAD: Chino

T, R, SECTION: T01S R05W Sec. 34NE

THOMAS BROS.: 645/F2

PLANNING AREA: Chino

**OLUD:** RS-1

**IMPROVEMENT LEVEL:** 1

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION - The proposed project is a General Plan Amendment (OLUD change) and Tentative Tract No. 16396 (26 lots) on 15 acres with a wall height variance to a maximum of 9 feet in two locations. The project is located on the northwest corner of Humbolt Ave. and Philedelphia St. approximately 330 feet west of Roswell Ave. which provide access to the site. Both are County maintained roads. This project site lies within the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino within the City of Chino's Sphere of Influence. The County General Plan designates the project site as an RS-1 (Single Residential District, one acre minimum parcel size), with an Improvement Level 1 (IL-1). The 26 proposed lots will be a minimum of 20,000 square feet each (with sizes ranging from 20,020 sf to 28,000 sf). The one and two story homes will be constructed by the applicant and will sell in the \$300,000 - 400,000 range. The lots along Roswell Ave. will be designed so that the new homes will face the street and blend with the other houses that now front on the relatively quiet, residential street. The other lots of the tract will be on cul de-sac streets. Only Loyola Court will be a private, semi-gated street.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL/EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS:** The site is undeveloped horse/livestock pasture/corrals.

AREA	EXISTING LAND USE	OFFICIAL LAND USE DISTRICT	IL
SITE	Vacant/Horse Pasture	RS-1 (Single Res., 1Ac. min. parcel)	IL-1
North	Elementary School	RS-1 (Single Res., 1Ac. min. parcel)	IL-1

South	Philadelphia St., Custom homes	RS-1 (Single Res., 1Ac. min. parcel)	IL-1
East	Single Family residences.	RS-1 (Single Res., 1Ac. min. parcel)	IL-1
West	Custom homes, Tr.16180	RS-20m(Single Res., 20m min. parcel)	IL-1

# **ENVIRONMENTAL/EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS (cont'd):**

The project site is currently a vacant, fenced, in-fill lot that is substantially disturbed by previous farming and agriculturally-related activities and more recently, adjacent home building.

Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

<u>Federal</u>: None; <u>State of California</u>: Regional Water Quality Control Board, <u>County of San Bernardino</u>: Land Use Services - Code Enforcement; Building and Safety, Public Health-Environmental Health Services, Special Districts, Public Works. Chino Valley Independent Fire District.

## **Evaluation Format/Criteria:**

This Initial Environmental Study is prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This format of the study is presented as follows. The project is evaluated based upon its effect on seventeen (17) major categories of environmental factors. Each factor is reviewed by responding to a series of questions regarding the impact of the project on each element of the overall factor. The Initial Study Checklist provides a formatted analysis that provides a determination of the effect of the project on the factor and its elements. The effect of the project is categorized into one of the following four categories of possible determinations:

Potentially Less than Less than No Significant Significant Significant Impact Impact with Mitigation

Substantiation is then provided to justify each determination. One of the four following conclusions is then provided as a summary of the analysis for each of the major environmental factors.

- 1. No impacts are identified or anticipated and therefore, no mitigation measures are required.
- 2. No significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and therefore, no mitigation measures are required.
- 3. Possible significant adverse impacts have been identified or anticipated and the following mitigation measures are required as a condition of project approval to reduce these impacts to a level below significant. The required mitigation measures are: (List mitigation measures)
- 4. Significant adverse impacts have been identified or anticipated. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required to evaluate these impacts, which are: (List the impacts requiring analysis within the EIR).

At the end of the analysis the required mitigation measures are restated and categorized as being either self-monitoring or as requiring a separate Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

## 1. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is

a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages. Aesthetics Agriculture Resources Air Quality ☐ Biological Resources Cultural Resources ☐ Geology /Soils Hazards & Hazardous Materials ☐ Hydrology / Water Quality ☐ Land Use/ Planning Mineral Resources Noise ☐ Population / Housing Public Services Recreation ☐ Transportation/Traffic ☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance Utilities / Service Systems **DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the Lead Agency) On the basis of this initial evaluation, the following finding is made:  $\boxtimes$ The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required. The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed. Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required. March 18, 2004 Signature (prepared by) Biron R. Bauer, Planner III Date Signature(prepared by) Julie M. Rynerson, AICP, Date Division Chief Current Planning Division For Land Use Services Director

I. AE	STHETICS — Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact
a) Hav	ve a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			$\boxtimes$	X
trees,	ostantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$
	ostantially degrade the existing visual character or quality site and its surroundings?				$\boxtimes$
-	eate a new source of substantial light or glare which adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			$\boxtimes$	
SUBS	TANTIATION (checkif project is located within the view shed	of any Scenic R	oute listed in	the General	Plan):
I a)	The proposed GPA/Tract No. 16396 project is not located within substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista, as there are none ide would be affected by the proposed development of the site. Large	ntified within th	ne vicinity of t	the project	site that
I b)	The proposed GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not substantial limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within adjacent to a state scenic highway and there are no significant treproject site.	n a state scenic	highway, bec	ause the sit	e is not
I c)	The proposed GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not substantially of the site and its surroundings because the residential use project rural visual character of the area and will incorporate landscaping	ct on ½ acre lot	s is compatibl		•
I d)	The proposed GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not create a new adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area, because st hooded and down shielded to protect surrounding properties from	tandard street li	ghting propos		
There	fore, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and	no mitigation n	neasures are re	equired.	
enviro Model	GRICULTURE RESOURCES — In determining whether impacts onmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agriculture (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an opticulture and farmland. Would the project:	ıral Land Evalua	tion and Site	Assessment	
Impor Farml	nvert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide tance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the and Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources ey, to non-agricultural use?				$\boxtimes$
	inflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a sumson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
their l	olve other changes in the existing environment which, due to ocation or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, -agricultural use?				$\boxtimes$

SUBSTANTIATION (check \_ if project is located in the Important Farmlands Overlay):

- II a) The subject property is not identified or designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. The soils on-site are composed of Grangeville (GR) and Tujunga loamy sands (TuB) soil types. Both soil types are typically used for irrigated crops such as alfalfa, grains, corn silage, and pasture plants, limited grazing and for homesites and related uses. Although the project acreage has been used historically for agricultural purposes, it is not considered prime or unique farmland nor of Statewide Importance. It is surrounded by encroaching rural and urban development. The land use district change would complete the transition to urban residential uses. A significant impact is not anticipated and mitigation measures are not proposed. There are no active, productive agricultural uses or livestock grazing on the site, currently.
- II b) The subject property is designated RS-1and the proposed use does not conflict with any agricultural land use or Williamson Act land conservation contract, as none of these "land banking" protections exist on this site.
- II c) The subject property is designated and the proposed GPA/Tract No. 16396 use does not involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Prime Farmland, to a non-agricultural use. The soil of this area although not designated prime, has supported some row crops in the past.

Therefore, no impacts are identified or anticipated and no mitigation measures are required.

**III. AIR QUALITY** — Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

the following determinations. Would the project.				
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigatio	Less than Significant	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality pla	^ <del></del>			
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			$\boxtimes$	
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutar for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which	nt			
exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			$\boxtimes$	
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				$\boxtimes$
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				$\boxtimes$

SUBSTANTIATION (discuss conformity with the *South Coast or Mojave Desert* Air Quality Management Plan, if applicable):

III a) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the *South Coast* air quality plan, because the proposed uses do not exceed the thresholds established for air quality concerns as established by the CEQA Air Quality Handbook developed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The traffic increase for (26) new lots (maximum 26 houses in future) is not significant based on the handbook criteria and will not exceed the threshold level of significance nor contribute in any substantial way to the degradation of local region air quality. The site will be partly paved, built upon and landscaped which will mean little potential for wind-blown dust or particulate matter.

- III b) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation, because the proposed use(s) do not exceed established thresholds of concern as established by the District. A dust/erosion control plan will be required for the 15 acres as a normal condition of approval to regulate construction activities and reduce the potential for wind-blown dust.
- III c) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors), because the proposed uses do not exceed established thresholds of concern.
- III d) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations, because there are no identified concentrations of substantial pollutants and the project is not located within ¼ mile of a use considered a 'sensitive receptor'.
- III e) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not create odors affecting a substantial number of people because there are no identified potential uses that will result in the production of objectionable odors, apart from continued nearby agricultural-related smells.

No potential significant adverse impacts have been identified or anticipated, with the application of normal conditions of approval, therefore no mitigation measures are required as conditions of project approval to reduce these impacts to a level of below significant.

#### **IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** — Would the project: Potentially Less than Less than No Significant Significant Significant Impact Impact with Mitigation a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive. or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? $\boxtimes$ b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? $\boxtimes$ c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? $\boxtimes$ d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? $\boxtimes$ e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? $\times$ f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? $\boxtimes$

SUBSTANTIATION (check if project is located in the Biological Resources Overlay or contains habitat for any species listed in the California Natural Diversity Database ):

- IV a) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, because the project site is a previously disturbed lot that has no such biological resources identified on the site.
- IV b) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service because the project site is a previously disturbed lot that has no such blue-line stream, biological resources, riparian habitat or sensitive natural plant/animal community identified on site.
- IV c) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means, because the project is not within an identified protected wetland.
- IV d) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites, because there are no such known corridors or nursery sites within or near the project site.
- IV e) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, as the site has been previously disturbed for animal grazing and there are no identified biological resources that are subject to such regulation.
- IV f) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan, because no such plan has been adopted in the area of the project site. The Prado Basin Regional Park property farther south may accommodate some of these regional wetlands concerns.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES — Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				$\boxtimes$
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				$\boxtimes$
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				$\boxtimes$
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				$\boxtimes$

SUBSTANTIATION (check if the project is located in the Cultural results of cultural resource review):	or Paleontologi	c Resource	ces overlays	s or cite	
V a) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not cause a substantial resource, because there are no such resources identified on the si		in the signific	ance of a h	istorical	
V b) This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not cause a substantial because there are no such resources identified on the site	d adverse chang	ge to an archa	eological re	esource,	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	or unique geologic feature, because no such resources have been mapped or identified on the site according to the				
V d) - This GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, because no such burials grounds are identified on or near this project site. If any human remains are discovered, during construction of this project, the developer is required to contact the County Coroner, County Museum.					
Therefore, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and	d <u>no mitigation i</u>	measures are r	equired.		
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS — Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact	
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:	mpact	withivingativ	J11		
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most r Alquist -Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Ge					
for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				$\boxtimes$	
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?			$\boxtimes$		
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				$\boxtimes$	
iv) Landslides?				$\boxtimes$	
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			$\boxtimes$		
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or	off		5-7		
site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			$\boxtimes$		
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 181-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	m 🔲		$\boxtimes$		
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	or		$\boxtimes$		
SUBSTANTIATION (check _ if project is located in the Geologic Haza	ards Overlay Dis	strict):	<u>K—3</u>		

- VI a) (i-iv) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving; i) rupture of a known earthquake fault, ii) strong seismic ground shaking, iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction or iv) Landslides, because there are no such topographic features or geologic hazards identified in the immediate vicinity of the project site. The project will be reviewed and approved by County Building and Safety with appropriate seismic standards.
- VI b) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil, because the site will be substantially paved and landscaped. Normal erosion control plans will be required to be submitted, approved and implemented.
- VI c) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project is not identified as being located on a geologic unit or soil that has been identified as being unstable or having the potential to result in on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse. Where a potential for these is identified a geology report is required to be reviewed and approved by the County Building and Safety Geologist, who will require implementation of appropriate mitigation measures, if any are required
- VI d) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project site is not located in an area which has been identified by the County Building and Safety Geologist as having the potential for expansive soils, as determined by a required soils report.
- VI e) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project has soils capable of supporting septic tanks and normal, single-family, subsurface, sewage disposal systems. The soil type is Grangeville (GR) and Tujunga (TuB), consisting of somewhat poorly drained, nearly level soils, formed on the slopes of alluvial fans in moderately coarse-textured, granitic alluvium. The surface layer is grayish-brown fine sandy loam about 12 inches thick. The soil type is moderately rapidly permeable, making it suitable for septic systems, which are currently utilized throughout the study area for waste disposal. The applicant is currently proposing connecting the project to the existing sanitary sewer system under the jurisdiction of the City of Chino. There are no unique landforms, as the project site is relatively flat. There are no known geological hazards except for the fact that the entire valley is a seismically active area, subject to severe ground shaking. New development will be required to conform to the Uniform Building Code requirements for earthquake-prone areas. Except during the construction process, when soil erosion control systems will be required, the project will not result in significant soil erosion and the area will be paved, built upon and landscaped, reducing potential blown dust to a minimum.

#### VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS — Would the project: Potentially Less than Less than No Significant Significant Significant Impact Impact with Mitigation a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? $\boxtimes$ b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving $\times$ the release of hazardous materials into the environment? c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within $\boxtimes$ one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? d) Be located on a site, which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public X or the environment?

e) For a	project located within an airport land use plan or, where					
:		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact	
	plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport	1	S			
_	ic use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard ple residing or working in the project area?				$\boxtimes$	
	project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				$\boxtimes$	
	air implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted ncy response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				$\boxtimes$	
involvi	ose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or deathing wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to ed areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				$\boxtimes$	
SUBST	'ANTIATION:					
VII a)	The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not create a significant hazaroutine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, because anticipated to be involved in such activities. If any such uses a subject to permit and inspection by the Hazardous Materials Division	use no residentia are proposed on-	al use approversite in the fu	ved on the ture, they	site is	
VII b)	The residential project will not create in and of itself a significant reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving environment, because none are proposed and any proposed use of materials is subject to permit and inspection by the Hazardous Materials	the release of construction ac	hazardous itivity that mi	materials ir ght use haz	nto the	
VII c)	The residential project uses will not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school, because the project does not propose the use of hazardous materials and all existing and the only existing school is Bloomington High School, to the east of Alder Ave., which will not be affected by residential construction.					
VII d)	The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials site	es.				
VII e)	The project site is not within the vicinity or approach/departure flig	ght path of a pub	lic airport.			
VII f)	The project site is not within the vicinity or approach/departure flig	ght path of a priv	ate airstrip.			
VII g)	The project will not impair implementation of or physically interference energency evacuation plan, because the project has adequate access				plan or	

fires, because there are no wildlands remaining adjacent to this site.

VII h) The project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY — Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?			$\boxtimes$	
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volu or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-ovicting proofly well a would does to a level, which would not suppose	ime			
of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level, which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				$\boxtimes$
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, include through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	ding		$\boxtimes$	
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off-site?			$\boxtimes$	
e) Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			$\boxtimes$	
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			$\boxtimes$	
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				$\boxtimes$
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?			$\boxtimes$	
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				$\boxtimes$
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				$\boxtimes$
SUBSTANTIATION:				

- VIII a) The project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, because the project will be served by established water and wastewater purveyors that are subject to independent regulation by local and state agencies that ensure compliance with both water quality and waste discharge requirements.
- VIII b) The project will not substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level, because the project is served by an existing water purveyor that has indicated that there is currently sufficient capacity in the existing water system to serve the anticipated needs of this project.

- VIII c) The project will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site, because the project does not propose any substantial alteration to a drainage pattern, stream or river and the project is required to submit and implement an erosion control plan.
- VIII d) The project will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site, because the project does not propose any substantial alteration to an established drainage pattern, or any existing stream or river. County Public Works has reviewed the proposed project drainage and all necessary drainage improvements both on and off site have been required as normal conditions of the construction of the project.
- VIII e) The project will not create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, because County Public Works has reviewed the proposed project drainage and has determined that the proposed systems are adequate to handle anticipated flows. All necessary drainage improvements both on and off site will be required as conditions of the construction of the project. There will be adequate capacity in the local and regional drainage systems so that downstream properties are not negatively impacted by any increases or changes in runoff volume, velocity or direction of storm water flows originating from or altered by the project.
- VIII f) The project will not otherwise substantially degrade water quality, because appropriate measures relating to water quality protection, including erosion control measures have been required. The study area is not in a flood hazard zone, nor is it subject to dam inundation. Ground water quality is already impacted with the historical use of agricultural fertilizers and the proliferation of septic systems in this area. The Land Use District Change, in and of itself, is not anticipated to pose any significant impact to ground water quality. The applicant is currently proposing connection to the City of Chino's sanitary sewer system.
- VIII g) The project will not place unprotected housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, because the project has been reviewed by County Public Works and the project is not within identified flood hazard areas. (Or: appropriate protection mechanisms, (such as elevation of the building sites for habitable structures) have been required as a conditions of construction of the project.
- VIII h) The project will not place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows, because the site is not located within a 100-year flood hazard area and any area identified as being potentially affected by a 100-year storm the structures will be subject to a flood hazard review and will be required to be elevated a minimum of one foot above the base flood elevation.
- VIII i) The project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam, because neither detention structure exists in the area. The project site is not within any identified path of a potential inundation flow that might result in the event of a dam or levee failure or that might occur from a river, stream, lake or sheet flow situation.
- VIII j) The project will not be impacted by inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow, because the project is not adjacent to any body of water that has the potential of seiche or tsunami nor is the project site in the path of any potential mudflow from a higher elevation.

IX. LA	AND USE AND PLANNING — Would the project:	Potentially Significant	Less than Significant	Less than Significant	No Impact
a) Phys	sically divide an established community?	Impact	with Mitigatio		$\boxtimes$
agency the gen	flict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinanced for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect			$\boxtimes$	
	flict with any applicable habitat conservation plan ral community conservation plan?				$\boxtimes$
SUBST	TANTIATION:				
IX a)	The project will not physically divide an established commun extension of the planned residential land uses and development to				
IX b)	The project will not conflict with any applicable land use plan, p over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating consistent with applicable land use policies and regulations of a Chino, within whose sphere of influence the project is contained, he permit connection to their public sewer system provided the approproval. The area is in a state of transition from residual agricult is clearly urban-impacted. The project will not divide an established desirable, upscale, ½-acre, residential lots.	ng an environme the County Code has indicated that licant agrees to c ural to urban resi	ntal effect, bece and General they will suppose they with control with control and use the dential land use	cause the properties. The properties conditions are the properties. The properties are th	roject is City of ject and tions of ject site
IX c)	The project will not conflict with any applicable habitat conserplan, because there is no habitat conservation plan or natura surrounding the project site and no habitat conservation lands a proposed project.	l community co	nservation pla	an within t	he area
Therefo	ore, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and	d no mitigation n	neasures are re	quired.	
X.MIN	VERAL RESOURCES — Would the project:				
	alt in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				$\boxtimes$
resourc	alt in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral re recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan r land use plan?				$\boxtimes$
SUBST	TANTIATION (check if project is located within the Mineral	Resource Zone (	Overlay):		
X a)	The project will not result in the loss of availability of a known region and the residents of the state, because there are no identifiand the site is not within a Mineral Resource Zone Overlay.				
X b)	The project will not result in the loss of availability of a lodelineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land important mineral resources on the project site.				

XI. NO	<b>DISE</b> — Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigatio	Less than Significant on	No Impact
standar	osure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of ds established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, icable standards of other agencies?			$\boxtimes$	
	osure of persons to or generation of excessive -borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?			$\boxtimes$	
	bstantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in ject vicinity above levels existing without the project?			$\boxtimes$	
	abstantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			$\boxtimes$	
such a or publ	a project located within an airport land use plan or, where plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport ic use airport, would the project expose people residing king in the project area to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$
the pro	a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would ject expose people residing or working in ject area to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$
	TANTIATION (check if the project is located in the Noise Haza evels according to the General Plan Noise Element):	rd Overlay Distr	rict or i	s subject to	severe
XI a)	The project will not expose persons to or generate noise levels general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of conditioned to comply with the noise standards of the County D standards is anticipated to be generated by the proposed low dense	other agencies, evelopment Cod	because the le and no noi	project ha	as beer
XI b)–	The project will not create exposure of persons to or generation borne noise levels, because the project has been conditioned to condevelopment Code and no vibration exceeding these standards uses.	omply with the v	ibration stand	lards of the	County
XI c)–	The project will not generate a substantial permanent increase in levels existing without the project, because the project must c Development Code and no noise exceeding these standards is anti-	omply with the	noise standa	rds of the	
XI d)	The project will not generate a substantial temporary or periodic vicinity above levels existing without the project, because the procounty Development Code. Tract construction activity shall be each day. Construction equipment is required to be staged away	ject must comply limited to the h	y with the noi ours between	se standard 7 AM and	s of the
XI e)	The project is not located within an airport land use plan area or v	vithin 2 miles of	a public/publ	ic use airpo	rt.
XI f)	The project is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip.				

XII. PO	PULATION AND HOUSING — Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact	
(for exa	e substantial population growth in an area, either directly mple, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly mple, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			$\boxtimes$		
_	ace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating truction of replacement housing elsewhere?				$\boxtimes$	
	ace substantial numbers of people, necessitating truction of replacement housing elsewhere?				$\boxtimes$	
SUBSTA	ANTIATION:					
XII a)	The project will not induce substantial population growth in significantly to the amount of housing stock in the study area.	n an area either	directly or i	ndirectly n	or add	
XII b)	XII b) The proposed use will not displace substantial numbers of existing housing units, necessitating the construction of replacement housing, because no housing units are proposed to be demolished as a result of this proposal.					
XII c)	XII c) The proposed use will not displace substantial numbers of people necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere, because the project will not displace, but add to, any existing housing or existing residents. With the change from RS-1 to allow 20,000 square foot lots, the unit density will be 1.65 units per acre, which is not a significant increase. This increase will not stimulate substantial population growth, nor will it displace existing housing since the site is currently vacant.					
Therefore	e, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and	no mitigation me	easures are re	quired.		
XIII. PU	UBLIC SERVICES —					
physicall construct	If the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associately altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered tion of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in or action, response times or other performance objectives for any of the	red governmental rder to maintain a	facilities, the acceptable			
Fire prote	ection?	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact	
	rotection?			$\boxtimes$		
-						
Schools?						
Parks?						
Other pu	blic facilities?			$\bowtie$		

## SUBSTANTIATION:

XIII a) The proposed 26-Lot subdivision project is small enough to not result in *substantial adverse physical impacts* associated with the provision of any new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services, including fire and police protection, schools, parks or other public facilities. Construction of the project over the next several years has the propensity to increase property tax revenues enough to provide an additional source of funding that is believed to be sufficient to offset the very minor increases in the anticipated demands for public services generated by this project.

XIV. RI	ECREATION—	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact
regional	d the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			$\boxtimes$	
construc	the project include recreational facilities or require the etion or expansion of recreational facilities which might have rese physical effect on the environment?				$\boxtimes$
SUBSTA	ANTIATION:				
XIV a)	This project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood a (such as high school) such that substantial physical deterioration because the project will not generate a significant number of new the <i>residents</i> of this project will be minimal. The high school proriding on and off-site will continue and the local trail system we Ana River trail areas.	n of the facility w residential unit operty is across t	would occur is and the imp he street to the	or be accel pacts genera e east. Hor	erated, ated by seback
XIV b)	This project does not include recreational facilities or require facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the envi will not result in an increased demand for recreational facilities.	vironment, becau	se the type of	f project pr	oposed
Therefor	re, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and	no mitigation me	easures are rec	quired.	
	ANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC — Would the project: e an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact
existing substant	traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a ial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume city ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?			$\boxtimes$	
standard	ed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service lestablished by the county congestion management agency gnated roads or highways?				$\boxtimes$

•	in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in vels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks	? 🗌			$\boxtimes$		
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?							
e) Result	in inadequate emergency access?				$\boxtimes$		
f) Result	in inadequate parking capacity?				$\boxtimes$		
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				$\boxtimes$			
SUBSTANTIATION:  XV a) The project will not cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system, because the increase in the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, and the congestion level at intersections remains below the planned thresholds for those facilities							
XV b)	The project will not exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service {LOS] standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways, because County Public Works, Traffic Division has reviewed the traffic generation of the proposed project and anticipates that traffic service will be remain at an LOS of "C" or better, as required by the County General Plan. A Traffic Study, dated February 04, 2004, was prepared for this project by Lawrence Eisenhart, Consulting Engineer. The study indicated that the level of service (LOS) at Humbolt Ave. and Philadelphia Avenue is currently at LOS "B". With the project now and in the year 2020, the study estimates that the level of service will remain LOS "B". At the intersection of Philadelphia and Roswell Ave., the current level of service is LOS "B". The study estimates that the level of service with the project will remain at LOS "B" in 2001 and reduce to LOS "C" in the year 2020. The traffic report states that the two intersections are currently operating at acceptable levels of service and with the project road improvements will continue to operate at acceptable levels. The report concludes that no traffic mitigation is required.						
XV c)	The project will not result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks, because there are no airports in the vicinity of the project and there is no anticipated notable impact on air traffic volumes by passengers or freight generated by the proposed uses and no new air traffic facilities are proposed.						
XV d)	The project will not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses, because the project site is adjacent to an established road that is accessed at points with good site distance and properly controlled intersections. There are no incompatible uses proposed by the project that will impact surrounding land uses.						
XV e)	The project will not result in inadequate emergency access, beca	ause there are a r	ninimum of t	wo access p	oints.		
XV f)	The project will not result in inadequate parking capacity, because the project meets the parking standards established by the County Development Code, including double garages for inside parking.						
XV g)	The project will not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation.						

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Would th	e project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impact		
	I wastewater treatment requirements of the e Regional Water Quality Control Board?			$\boxtimes$			
facilities	re or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatmeter expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which use significant environmental effects?	ent			$\boxtimes$		
or expans	e or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities on of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause at environmental effects?	ies		$\boxtimes$			
	sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	ng		$\boxtimes$			
or may se	in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				$\boxtimes$		
•	yed by a landfill(s) with sufficient permitted capacity modate the project's solid waste disposal needs?			$\boxtimes$			
-	y with federal, state, and local statutes and ns related to solid waste?				$\boxtimes$		
SUBSTA	NTIATION:						
XVI a)	The proposed project does not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, as determined by County Public Health, Environmental Health Services as one-half acre lots are proposed. The project, however, will connect to the City of Chino Sanitary Sewer System.						
XVI b)	The proposed project will not require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, as there is sufficient capacity in the existing system for the proposed use.						
XVI c)	The proposed project will not require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities that cause significant environmental effects, as County Public Works has determined that there is sufficient capacity in the existing storm water system to absorb any additional storm water drainage caused by the project and has only required facility refinement as a part of this project. Drainage facility refinement that is required is included in this environmental review and this review has not necessitated mitigation measures						
XVI d)	The proposed project will have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, as the local water purveyor the Monte Vista Water District has given assurance of such water service.						
XVI e)	The proposed project has a determination from the wastewater treatment provider serving the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the projected demand for the project in addition to the provider's existing commitments. The project is currently proposed for connection to the City of Chino's sanitary sewer system. If sewer connection for any reason should be denied, the project proposes lot sizes averaging 20,000 square feet, which						

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS —

should be adequate area for septic systems, according to the S. A. Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Official Land Use District (OLUD) change from RS-1 will result in a change of density which will contribute marginally to sheet flow run-off by reducing lot size from one acre to 20,000 square feet, and allow for paving of driveways and streets. Drainage improvements will be required as part of the project's conditions of approval, which are expected to improve some longer-standing, area-wide, drainage problems.

- XVI f) The proposed project is served by a county landfill(s) which has sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs in the landfill. Since the Milliken Landfill closed on December 7, 1999, the waste stream from this area has been redirected either out of the County or to one of the remaining valley landfills: Mid-Valley, Colton or San Timoteo. The Mid-Valley Landfill does currently have the capacity to absorb this incremental trash increase, however, planned expansion will ensure that there is adequate capacity to serve all County needs for the next 25-40 years.
- XVI g) The proposed project is required to comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

Therefore, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and no mitigation measures are required.

X	VII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE—				
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant	No Impac
a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important		C		
	examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause Substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly Or indirectly?			$\boxtimes$	

## SUBSTANTIATION:

XVII a) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project does not appear to have the potential to significantly degrade the overall quality of the regions's environment, or substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. There are *no rare or endangered species* or other species of plants or animals or habitat identified as being significantly and negatively impacted by this project. The project site is urban-impacted with no potential for significant impact on endangered species or habitat. The area has been in transition from rural agricultural land uses from the time the area was changed in 1989 from Limited Agriculture (A-1) to RS Single

Residential land uses. There are no identified historic, archaeological, paleontological or prehistoric resources identified on this site.

XVII b) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project does not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. The sites of other projects in the area to which this project would add cumulative impacts have either existing or planned infrastructure that is sufficient for all planned uses. These sites either are occupied or are capable of absorbing such planned uses without generating any cumulatively significant impacts. The General Plan Amendment from RS-1 to RS-20M is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan to encourage safe, attractive, compatible residential developments. The Infrastructure Improvement Level One remains and thus, there will be no change in infrastructure improvement level. The residential unit density will increase from approximately 1 unit per acre to 1.65 units per acre, which is not considered a significant increase. As a true "in-fill" project, the existing services/utilities in the area will be able to accommodate the additional residential uses which will result from this change.. There are no significant adverse impacts anticipated to result from the adoption of this General Plan Amendment.

Tentative Tract 16396 will, if approved, result in the creation of an attractive, upscale, partly-gated, residential project on estate-sized lots with private/public roads, part of which will be taken into the County-Maintained System. This Initial Study has not identified any significant impacts, and any less than significant impact will be mitigated to a level even lower than significant through the implementation/condition compliance of the standard conditions of approval.

XVII c) The GPA/Tract No. 16396 project will not have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly, as there are no such impacts identified by the studies conducted for this project or identified by review of other sources or by other agencies.

Only minor increases in traffic, emissions and noise will be created by implementation of the proposed project. These potential impacts have been thoroughly evaluated and have been deemed to be neither individually significant nor cumulatively considerable in terms of any adverse affects upon the region, the local community or its inhabitants. At a minimum, the project will be required to meet the normal conditions of approval for the modest project to be implemented. It is anticipated that all such conditions of approval will adequately insure that no potential for adverse impacts will be introduced by construction activities, initial or future land uses authorized by the project approval.

Therefore, no significant adverse impacts are identified or anticipated and no mitigation measures are required.

# VIII. MITIGATION MEASURES

<u>Note</u>: Any mitigation measures which are <u>not</u> 'self-monitoring' shall have a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared and adopted at time of project approval. No unique Mitigation Measures are required as a part of this modest tract project as project standard conditions of approval address the normal development requirements.

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